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SB 516

RELATING TO CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES

Senate Committees on
Planning, Land and Water Use
Tourism, Recreation and Transportation

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By

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SB 516 would add a new chapter and amend Section 195-6.5 HRS to provide supplemental, dedicated funding to the Natural Areas Partnership Program and the Forest Stewardship Program.

Our statement on this bill does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

This is one of three vehicles before the current legislature which would provide stable funding for the partnership and stewardship programs to buffer them from the uncertainties of state economic health. Although this measure is not likely to generate the level of funding provided by other dedicated funding proposals, it has the advantage of incurring no concurrent decrement to state general fund revenues and no tax increases. There would be a one time modest cost for design and implementation, but this would seem heavily outweighed by the advantages the program offers. Consequently, we are strongly supportive of the intent of this measure.